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| <p>LEGAL NOTICE USDA - Forest Service Deschutes National Forest Sisters Ranger District Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Washington Wilderness Trails Project Draft Environmental Assessment</p> <p>The Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Washington Wilderness Trails Project draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and comment. The Sisters Ranger District proposes to change the Trail Class of a portion of the Jefferson Lake and the Brush Creek trails located in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness. The trails would change from Trail Class 3 to Trail Class 1. In the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness the Minto Lake and Sugar Pine Ridge trails would be decommissioned. In the Mt. Washington Wilderness the Dry Creek trail would be decommissioned. The proposed action would also close the Mt. Washington Wilderness Dry Creek and Hortense Lake trailheads. About 16 miles of trail would be decommissioned; about 13 miles of trail would have a change in trail class. The project area is located about 12 air miles west and northwest northeast of the city of Sisters, Oregon. The District Ranger is the responsible official for the project.</p> <p>This draft EA is subject to notice and comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218. The draft EA will have a 30-day</p> | <p>public comment period (36 CFR 218.24(4)). The 30-day public comment period will begin on the date of the publication of a legal notice in <i>The Bulletin</i> (Bend), the newspaper of record. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider (36 CFR 218.2).</p> <p>The draft EA can be found at the following URL address:</p> <p>http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49316</p> <p>If you would like a hard copy of the draft EA, please contact the district office at the address show below.</p> <p>Submit your comments to the Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Washington Wilderness Trails Project, District Ranger, Kristie Miller, Post Office Box 249, Sisters, Oregon 97759; FAX (541) 549-7746. E-mail comments should be sent to comments-pacific-northwest-deschutes-sisters@fs.fed.us. Those submitting electronic comments must do so only to the e-mail address listed above, must put the project name in the subject line, and must either submit comments as part of the e-mail message or as an attachment only in one of the following three formats: Mi-</p> | <p>crosoft Word, rich text format (rtf), or Adobe Portable Document Format (pdf). For further information about the project, the comment process, or a copy of the draft EA, please contact Michael Keown, Environmental Coordinator, Sisters Ranger District, Post Office Box 249, Sisters, Oregon 97759 (541) 549-7735.</p> |